(2) MESSAGE FROM THE COUNCIL.

Mr. SPEAKER :—" I have to announce to the House that I have received the message, dated 13th May 1954, from the Hon. the Chairman, Madras Legislative Council—

'In accordance with rule 112 of the Madras Council Rules, I return the Madras Land Revenue (Surcharge) Bill, 1954 (L.A. Bill No. 18 of 1954), as passed by the Council on the 13th May 1954 without any recommendation and signed by me.' "

III.—GOVERNMENT BILLS.

(1) THE COURTALLAM TOWNSHIP BILL, 1954 (L.C. BILL NO. 8 OF 1954)—*cont.*

Mr. SPEAKER :—" The next item is the Courtallam Township Bill. We have to take up clause 3 and there are a number of amendments to it. Hon. Members can formally move their amendments."

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Before asking the Members to move their amendments, will it not be appropriate that the Government explain the implications of the clause when each clause is taken up? "

Mr. SPEAKER :—" That has not been the practice at all. We had a general discussion on the Bill and the Hon. Minister has already explained everything."

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" In the general discussion, we do not go in detail clause by clause. We go only into the general features of the Bill. Therefore, we must understand the implications of each clause."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" There is no motion moved by the Hon. Minister that the clause do stand part of the Bill. I only say that the clause do stand part of the Bill. If there is any doubt with regard to this clause 3, I shall ask the Hon. Minister to clarify it."

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Doubt can arise only after the implications of the clause are explained. Bills are not explained clause by clause. Before the Members are asked to give their opinion or move amendments, should we not understand what the implications of the clause are? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" When the Members formulated the amendments, I thought that they understood the clause. There will be no meaning in giving amendments without understanding the clause."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri Narayana Kurup should understand that the procedure that I am following is followed not only in this Legislature, but also everywhere else. We consider it a proper procedure."